



Confederated Tribes and Bands
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Re: Request For Extension
IGAP 2014 & 2015 Grant

Dear James:

This written request follows our teleconference call a few weeks ago regarding the IGAP grant for fiscal years 2014 and 2015. We are requesting a one year extension to September 30, 2016. The reason is because we were without a Planner for the Solid Waste Program for one year. Loretta Zammarchi accepted a position with the City of Yakima in August, 2013. It took almost a year to hire someone with solid waste experience in Washington State, Yakima County, and in particular, the Yakama Nation. Scott Robertson began in June 2014.

The scope of the grant has not changed. The only salary position in the grant is the Planner. The rest of the Yakama Nation Solid Waste Program is self funded. The grant outlined the development of the Pumphouse Road Landfill site for future use to accept municipal solid waste from within the exterior boundary of the Yakama Nation. The Phase II development calls for characterization well installation (four wells) and 14 test pits fifteen feet deep with soil samples collected every five feet in all, for geologic viability as a landfill site.


We are progressing with this work. We have surveyed the new cells, characterization well and test pit locations, and issued an RFP for the well installation. We are attempting to do as much of the work in house as possible, so as to both save money, and utilize Tribal employment, which is a Tribal priority. It does make some of the work slower than using an outside contractor.

Once the wells and test pits are completed we will perform a geologic and hydrologic analysis to form a recommendation to the Tribal Council. We may at a future date request to utilize any funds saved to implement the landfill development. Examples would be fencing needs, a scale, a scale attendant structure, digging the new cells, signage, etc. Even if the Council elects not to open the Pumphouse Road facility as a MSW disposal site, we may still develop it as a transfer station, which is in the scope of

Phase II, and operate a compost facility for organic waste, which is considerable on our reservation. We could also process wood waste, tires, and abandon / impounded tribal vehicles. The Yakama Nation has tens of thousands of acres that a good compost could be applied, and make the soil commercially viable. We could process wood waste to pellets and provide that to Tribal members with a certified pellet stove. Any of these uses comply with Phase II, which would still allow for facility development, such as fencing, a scale, attendant structure, signage, etc.

I only mention that to express that conducting the Phase II development in house is saving significant funds, but it does take longer. Again, this request is to extend the IGAP grant to the Yakama Nation one year. Any request for the transfer of funds saved from the original application would come once we know for certain what that figure would be, and how we would intend to utilize it.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derald Ortloff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Derald Ortloff
Yakama Nation Facility Manager